Creation of a Post of Sr. Supdt. and Post Master at Manipur

1165. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a post of Senior Superintendent of Post Offices has been created for the State of Manipur;

(b) if so, whether the post has been filled up;

(c) whether the Department of posts propose to create a post of Postmaster General also at Manipur; and

(d) the steps taken by the Department of Posts to fill up senior level posts in Manipur?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes Sir, a post of Sr. Superintendent of Post Offices has been sanctioned for the State of Manipur.

(b) No Sir.

(c) No Sir. There is no proposal to create a post of Postmaster General for the state of Manipur.

(d) No Sir. Orders have been issued posting a Senior Time Scale Officer as Senior Superintendent or Post Offices, Manipur. The work of Director Postal Services is being looked after by the Director at the headquarters of the cricle.

Stoppage of production of Polyester and Cotton by National Textile Corporation

1166. **SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:** Will the Minister of **TEXTILES** be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of textile by NTC mills during each of the last three years;

(b) whether NTC has stopped production of polyester and cotton shirting; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) The production of cloth and market yarn by NTC mills during each of the last three years is as follows:—

Period	Cloth Production (M. Mtrs.)	Market Yarn (M. Kgs.)
1993-94	190.47	81.86
1994-95	102.56	57.60
1995-96 (Provl.)	75.34	63.17

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Jute Production

1167. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the steps are being taken by Government for increasing the production of jute;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that regard during the 8th Five Year Plan;

(c) whether there is a vast scope to increase jute cultivation in Orissa;

(d) if so, the steps taken in that regard; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to provide proper marketing facilities for Jute and Jute Products that State?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) to (e) The following steps have been taken for increasing production, productivity and quality of raw jute:—

More area coverage under high yielding varieties; Accelerating production and availability of quality seeds; Emphasis on timely supply of critical inputs; Propagation of improved crop production technology throughy demonstration programmes; Encouraging raw cropping through supply of multi raw drills; Creating additional retting facilities; Organising training of farmers, etc.

Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Special Jute Development Programme (SODP) in jute growing and mest growing states in the Country, including Orissa, on 100% Central Funding Pattern. Under the Scheme subsidy is provided to Farmers (i) Distribution of jute/mesta/ sunnhemp seeds, (ii) Distribution of implements such as multi raw seed drill, wheel hoe; (iii) Conducting technology demonstration on jute/mesta/ sunhemp, (iv) Distribution of essential nutrient